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1. The Ghimes mill, formerly owned by the Lomas Company, is located near the Ghimes station, approximately 60 kilometers northwest of Targu Ocna. It has six Topan frame saws in good condition. The labor force is comprised of 80 to 100 cutters, 40 workers at the mill, and 10 to 12 clerks. The annual output is approximately 24,000 cubic meters of lumber from 40,000 cubic meters of timber and an unknown quantity of fir and pine bark for leather factories. The mill's depot has a reserve of 8,000 to 10,000 cubic meters of lumber. Timber is brought by cableway from the forest to the mill, and lumber is brought by truck to Ghimes station.
2. The Scutaru mill, formerly owned by Foresta Romana, is near Scutaru station, between Ghimes station and Galati. It has six German and Hungarian frame saws in good condition. The sawmill employs 150 to 200 cutters, 70 to 80 workers at the mill, and 15 to 20 clerks. Annual output is 72,000 to 78,000 cubic meters of lumber from 120,000 to 130,000 cubic meters of timber and an unknown quantity of hard wood and fuel wood. The mill's depot has a reserve of 20,000 to 25,000 cubic meters of lumber and 2,000 tons of fuel wood. Timber is brought from the forest to the mill over a small railroad.
3. The Viseu mill, formerly owned by the Autonomous Forests Enterprise, is near Viseu station, approximately 50 kilometers southeast of Sighet. It has six Topan frame saws in good condition. The mill employs 250 cutters and 120 to 130 workers at the sawmill. Annual output is 80,000 cubic meters of lumber and 2,000 to 2,500 tons of fuel wood. Lumber is brought to Viseu station from the mill over a narrow gauge railroad.
4. The Sovata mill, formerly owned by the Lomas Company, is located in the summer resort of Sovata (Mures district). It has six frame saws in good condition. Two hundred cutters, 80 to 100 workers at the mill, and 25 to 30 clerks are employed. Annual output is 60,000 cubic meters of pine and fir, 14,000 cubic meters of beech, and 3,000 tons of fuel wood. Timber is brought from the forest to the mill over a small railroad.

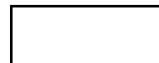
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5. The Gugesti mill, formerly owned by the Lomas Company, is located at Gugesti station, between Ramnicul Sarat and Focsani. It has six frame saws and a plywood-veneer factory. The sawmill employs 250 cutters, 120 men at the mill and factory, and 25 to 30 clerks. Annual output is 15,000 cubic meters of beech, 30,000 cubic meters of fir and pine, 6,000 cubic meters of plywood, and 4,000 meters of oak and other hardwood veneers. Timber is brought from the forest to the mill over a small railroad, and lumber is sent to Gugesti station by cableway.
 6. The following norms are in operation:
 - a. Cutters: 2.5 to 3 cubic meters of cut, cleaned, and shaped timber in eight hours.
 - b. Mill workers: 25 to 30 cubic meters of rough lumber per eight hours at a rapid saw, or 15 to 20 cubic meters of rough lumber at a saw of normal speed.
- Norms are not high, and it is possible for a worker to earn bonuses.
7. Mill workers receive one pair of overalls, one pair of working shoes, and 10 to 12 meters of cotton sheeting per year. Cutters receive one pair of working boots, three meters of cloth for a suit, six meters of cotton sheeting, socks, and handkerchiefs. The first issue for cutters is made after six weeks of work.
 8. Each of these mills has a canteen in which good meals (meat every day) are served. This is in addition to regular rations. Similar canteens are planned for cutters.

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